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### DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed on July 21, 2008 essentially changes the subject matter of elected claims 1 and 3-9 to the subject matter of the non-elected method claims 2, 19 and 20. The amendment results in adding the “air-tight sealing” limitation which is a process limitation of the non-elected invention, and amending the step of reduction of heating temperature to “quenching the pressure-resistant container”, which is a process step of the non-elected invention (claims 2, 19 and 20). Therefore, the amendment has the effect equivalent to canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention. Consequently, the amendment is deemed non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the two newly presented step limitations are the features of the non-elected claims 2, 19 and 20, which features have been held patentably distinct from the heating and reduction of heating steps of the elected invention.

2. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to H. T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-1511. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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